Expansion of NREGP

413. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to expand and strengthen the scope of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) NREGA has been extended to cover entire rural areas of the country with effect from 1.4.2008. As regards strengthening the scope of NREGA, the issue is under examination of the Ministry.

Scrap lying at ports

414. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantities of scrap are lying at some ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise;

(c) whether it has been posing a great hindrance in loading and unloading of ships; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) Some scrap is lying at some ports in the country. Port-wise details of such scrap; hindrance, if any, posed by such scrap in loading and unloading of ships etc., are as under:-

Sl.No.	Port	Details of scrap	Hindrance, if any, posed by such scrap and action, if any, taken thereon
1	2	3	4
1.	Chennai Port	About 13,959 MT of Iron scrap are lying at the licensed plots in the port as on 25.6.09	As the scrap is being moved to the licensed plots directly from the hook point for storage and subsequent delivery from the plot, the lying of scrap does not pose any hindrance to the loading/ unloading of the ships in the port.
2.	Mumbai Port	About 588 tonne of metallic scrap is lying in one of the CFSs away from the docks.	Since the scrap is lying away from the docks it causes no hindrance in loading/unloading of ships in the port.
3.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Navi Mumbai	Around 5,250 TEUS destined for Ludhiana are lying at JNPT as on 29.6.09. Most of these containers contain scrap material.	No hindrance, whatsoever, is being caused by this scrap in the loading/ unloading of ships in the port.